(d) Measures to increase efficiency are enterprise specific. However, some of the measures include delegation of more powers to Board of Directors and their professionalisation, reduction of surplus manpower through Voluntary Retirement Schemes (VRS), Diversification of product mix, technology upgradation, research an development, etc.

Production and Profits earned by Public Sector undertakings

4961. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the manufacturing public sector undertakings which registered higher out-put during 1993, indicating comparative production figures for 1991, 1992 & 1993 and the percentage growth recorded, and the profit percentage earned by them, yearwise; and

(b) the details of such undertakings which recorded a decline in production, indicating similar comparative figures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The undertaking-wise production and % capacity utilisation and the profits for the years 1990-91, 1991-92 & 1992-93 have been detailed in Statement No. 23 A and No. 7 A of Volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey 1992-93 laid on the Table of the House on 23rd February, 1994.

High-Powered Committee on PSUs

4962. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a high-powered committee for taking a firm stand on sick public sector undertakings; and

(b) if so, who are the members of the committee and what are the terms of reference therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : Yes, Sir. Government have set up a High Powered Committee under the Chairmanship of Finance Minister to review the performance of PSEs, particularly sick enterprises.

(b) The other Members of the Committee are Deputy Chairman Planning Commission and Ministers incharge of Administrative Ministries of the enterprises taken up for review. The terms of reference include giving directions and guidelines to Ministries on the package of relief to take a stand or make a commitment before BIFR in each case of PSE referred to BIFR. The Committee would also review the performance of sick enterprises not referable to BIFR and selectively other public enterprises.

Modification in voluntary retirement scheme

4963. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that having missed the target in the planned trimming of labour strength in public sector enterprises, Government have decided to modify the voultary retirement scheme so as to make it more effective; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the modified scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The Voluntary Retirement Scheme, parameters of which had been notified by the DPE vide its OM's dated 5-10-88, 6-1-89, 29-5-92 and 23-9-93 is required to be adopted by the PSEs which have manpower surplus to their requirements. Assessment about the surplus labour is to be made by the PSE itself.

The PSEs have been advised in DPE's OM dated 4-3-94 that any deviation from the parameters prescribed would require-

specific approval of the Govt. in case to case basis.

Reforms in PSUs

4964. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as a part of public sector reforms Government have to give off some major public sector undertakings, including the HMT Limited and organise them into more than one independent units;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of these are being injected with foreign collaborations;

(c) if so, what are the details of such units and the arrangements being made in respect of each of them; and

(d) with what objective in view these reforms are being introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d) Restructuring studies were conducted in case of three PSEs namely, Bharat Yantra Nigam Ltd., Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd., and HMT Ltd. The World Bank had provided Japanese grants for restructuring studies of these PSEs. The basic objectives of restructuring include regrouping of the activities of the holding companies, augmentation of business activity to result in boosted turnover, reduction of surplus manpower and adoption of VRS schemes, setting up of industrial re-conversion fund for the identified redundant plants and attainment of global standards in capital goods etc.

Projected increase in industrial growth

4965. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the projected increase in industrial growth for the year 1994-95;

(b) what are the actuals presently; and

(c) what was the target set for the same during 1993-94 and the actual performance achieved thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) As per he quick estimates of Index of Industrial Production, the overall rate of growth of Industrial Production during April-December, 1993 is 2.4% over the corresponding period last year. The target for overall industrial rates of growth are not fixed by the Government on an annaul basis and no target has been projected for the likely industrial growth during 1994-95.

साबुन निर्माताओं पर उत्पाद शुल्क का प्रभाव

4966. **श्री राम जेठमालानी :**

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में बड़ी संख्या में इकाइयां बिजली का उपयोग किये बिना साबुन और डिटरजेन्ट पाउडर बना रही हैं,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इन इकाइयों को गत वर्षों के दौरान खादी और ग्राम उद्योगों की तरह कुटीर उद्योगों की श्रेणी में रखा गया था,

(ग) क्या वर्ष 1994-95 के केन्द्रीय बजट में उक्त इकाइयों द्वारा उत्पादित उत्पादों पर भी उत्पाद-शुल्क लगा दिया गया है,

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या इन उत्पादों पर उत्पाद-शुल्क लगाने से अर्थव्यवस्था और इन इकाइयों के प्रबन्ध पर भी प्रभाव पड़ेगा,

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है, और

(च) क्या इस साबुन और पाउडर उत्पादक उद्योग को मौजूदा वित्तीय संकट से बचाने के लिये इन इकाइयों को सुविधाएं प्रदान कराने हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. अरुणाचलम) : (क) देश भर में फैले